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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 26 with the following amended paragraph:

Hence, one embodiment for forming a normalized library from environmental sample(s) is by (a) isolating nucleic acid from the environmental sample(s); (b) optionally fractionating the nucleic acid and recovering desired fractions; (c) normalizing the representation of the DNA within the population so as to form a normalized expression library from the DNA of the environmental sample(s). The "normalization" process is described and exemplified in detail in co-pending, commonly assigned U.S. Serial No. 08/665,565, filed June 19, 1996, incorporated herein by reference.

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